

WEST HENDRED

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25th May 2020**

IMPORTANT!

This month's Newsletter will not be distributed as a hard copy due to the temporary closure of the printing company we use. Please can we ask, if you know of any neighbours who are not connected to the Internet, that you very kindly print a hard copy in your home and pop it through their door. Thank you.

The current Government advice is:

STAY AT HOME

Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home) If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times. Wash your hands as soon as you get home. Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Your Village Help Co-ordinators

If you are self isolating in the village and need help with shopping or collecting your prescriptions please get in touch with any of the following :

Nigel Findley 07900 554537 or
email nigel.findley@westhendred.net

Angela Findley 07775 863350 or
email Angela.findley@westhendred.net

Stefan Povolotsky 07460 727374 or
email stefan.povolotsky@sky.com

Wantage and Surrounding area Coronavirus Support Group

The Ray Collins Charitable Trust, in conjunction with the Wantage Town Council and Wantage Chamber of Commerce have formed The Wantage And Surrounding area Coronavirus Support Group. This local community group aims to help elderly and vulnerable people and anyone self-isolating in Wantage and within a five mile radius.

They are also working with local companies Corks & Canapés and Sugar and Spice to supply a Meals on Wheels service. All deliveries and collections will be free but you will still need to pay for your meals, shopping. Please call 01235 260033 or email info@raycollintrust.org for more information. You can also contact them via Facebook.

Church Services

There will be no church services at our church until the lockdown is finished. Alternately, Rev Orazio Camaioni broadcasts a communion service on Sunday morning 10:00 at <https://www.facebook.com/Benefice-of-Wantage-Downs-109686177340271/> Also, if the wind is in the east, listen for Rev Orazio playing a hymn tune at 12:00 Sundays on the bells of St. Augustines, East Hendred. You're welcome to join in and sing the hymn!

Clap For Our Carers

Clap For Our Carers is a campaign that involves Britons up and down the country applauding National Health Service doctors, nurses, cleaners, and other healthcare staff on the front line of the battle against coronavirus.

The applause will take place at 8pm. People across the country are clapping and cheering on their doorsteps, from their balconies, or in their gardens, with some banging on pots and pans or even singing and dancing, while keeping a house width apart from their neighbours.

The first nationwide Clap For Our Carers event took place on Thursday March 26, and the concept gained widespread momentum on social media in the days leading up to it. It is now set to happen every Thursday while the coronavirus pandemic continues to affect day-to-day life in the United Kingdom, with organisers calling for applause at the same time of 8pm every week.

PLAYPARK CLOSED IN MAY

The village playpark will be closed in May while Sovereign come in to install the new play equipment on the empty site.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sarah Lloyd

WHPC 29/4/20

Ski Goggles needed

Simon Masters (at Curly Cottage in West Hendred) is offering to take delivery of any spare goggles and deliver them to the drop-off point.

Care Homes around the country are battling shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) like gowns, masks and face shields. Ski Goggles, it turns out, fit the bill for protective eyewear perfectly. Because of the foam around them, they seal well, but they're also designed not to fog up easily.

We have requests from local care homes for over 150 pairs of goggles and we will be taking them to the care homes and hospitals this week. Both new and used Goggles are welcome as they can be decontaminated and disinfected. Lenses that are tinted, clear or dark all work.

Anyone for Tennis?

Rosemary and Duncan Budge are offering their tennis court at Twilly Springs off Manor Lane for anyone from the village in these exercise-challenged times. This is an invitation to family members already sharing the same space i.e. not an opportunity to have a West Hendred & Ginge Tennis Tournament!

Racquets and balls available at the Court.

Tennis or hockey. Please ring ahead to arrange a time. 07721 013577

Spring 2020 Scouting

The winter months have not stopped our Cubs, Scouts and Beavers from venturing out on a variety of activities. During the Autumn, the Cubs conducted surveys around East & West Hendred, to learn how many Hedgehogs were living in gardens. All the sections took part in a District trip to RAF Hendon, and enjoyed a fascinating day at the museum. At Christmas, money was raised for charity by collecting old clothes and by the traditional Carol Singing around the village.

The weekend 25/26th April is traditionally the famous St George's Camp, up on the Ridgeway, which is very popular with our Cubs, Scouts and Beavers. This year, you'll have noticed that things are a little different..., this will be our first ever "Cuckhamsley Camp at

Home". This is a very special event that is making sure we keep safe, but still enjoy some time doing scouting activities on our St Georges Activity/Camp weekend.

More information about the King Alfred's District as well as the Cuckhamsley Group, can be found at www.kascouts.org.uk

We are always on the lookout for helpers – either in a uniform leaders role or as 'backroom' support in administration. If you are interested in joining the Scout Group as an adult volunteer or have a young person who is interested in joining Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-101/2) or Scouts (101/2-14) then please get in touch with Doron Jensen on 07711 474883 or doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com. NB. The Cub pack and Scout troop now both have waiting lists.

Message from Chief Inspector Matt Bullivant Deputy Lpa Commander of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse

I understand that this is a difficult and worrying time for a lot of people as we all make significant adjustments to our daily lives to follow the measures set out by the government. These measures have been put in place to stop the spread of the virus, protect the NHS and save lives.

You will be aware that the police were given new powers to help reinforce these measures and whilst these are an option to us, we will only use them as a last resort. Officers will routinely be stopping members of the public and vehicles to ensure the Government's advice is being adhered to so please don't be alarmed if you are stopped and work with us if you are told to return home.

This current climate offers up a lot of uncertainty which can make people feel anxious, unsettled and fearful but I want to reassure you that my team and I are still policing your communities, responding to emergencies as well as effecting the Government's restrictions to stay inside and only go out in very specific circumstances. I can assure you that all police officers and staff are extremely grateful for the consideration they are being shown and are increasingly motivated to keep you safe and secure in such unprecedented times. To offer my reassurance to you we are being extremely well guided and supported by a central team of dedicated officers and staff to ensure we have the flexibility and ability to adapt to our local policing needs. By continuing to stay home, you can protect the NHS and save lives. Thank you again to the residents of South Oxfordshire and

Vale of White Horse for your co-operation during these challenging times. For more information on the Government's restrictions, please visit the GOV.UK website <<https://www.gov.uk/>>.

If you need to report anything to us that is not an emergency, you might experience some delays calling 101 so where possible report through the Thames Valley Police website www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/ In an emergency always call 999.

A34 West Berkshire/Oxfordshire – Road Marking and Road Stud Replacement – UPDATE

It was hoped that work would be completed during February, however some areas of work still remain outstanding. To complete this work, we will need to close the A34 north and southbound carriageways overnight (between 9pm and 6am) on the following dates:
Monday 4 May for two nights – closure of the A34 southbound carriageway from the A420 Botley Interchange to the A4130 Milton Interchange, with a signed diversion in place via the A420, A338, Wantage and the A417
Wednesday 6 May for two nights – closure of the A34 northbound carriageway from the A423 Hinksey Hill junction to the A44 Peartree Interchange, with a signed diversion in place via the Oxford ring-road
Monday 18 May for three nights – closure of the A34 southbound carriageway from the A4130 Milton Interchange to the M4 (Chieveley), with a signed diversion in place via the A417, Wantage, A338 and A4
Thursday 21 May for one night – closure of the A34 northbound carriageway from the A4185 Chilton Interchange to the A4130 Milton Interchange. Please be aware that due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, all our works are subject to change.

Council garden waste service welcomes new customers

There's good news for people in southern Oxfordshire looking for ways to dispose safely of their garden waste. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have reopened their paid-for garden waste service to new customers.

The service has continued throughout the lockdown for existing subscribers. For a short period of time the council and waste contractor, Biffa suspended taking on new customers to prioritise the kerbside household collections

while members of the waste collection crews were off sick or self-isolating. Biffa has now built up sufficient resilience in its workforce to enable new customers to join*.

The service will also take extra garden waste (equivalent of another brown bin eg three bin bags) on the following collection weeks: Vale 11-15 May, South 18 - 22 May

* The situation is being regularly monitored and residents should be aware that if staffing levels fall taking on new customers may need to be suspended again.

The service costs £49 per year and is an annual subscription paid by direct debit. As the council offices are currently closed to the public, at this time we can only take subscriptions online. For more details see our garden waste pages (South website

<<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste>>, Vale website

<<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste>>)

Support for unpaid carers

If you are looking after a loved one or friend who could not cope without your help then the team at Action for Carers Oxfordshire are here to support you. During these uncertain times we are working hard to ensure family carers receive long term specialised support. We have a dedicated team based all around Oxfordshire who are listening and helping carers get through, giving practical advice and information, and making sure that we stay in contact for a regular chat or just to reassure them they are not alone.

If you would like more information on the FREE advice and support we can offer please feel free to call us on 01235 424715 text us on 07827 235443 or email us on carersreferrals@carersoxfordshire.org.uk
If you are caring for someone with a mental illness call 07918 133671.

The deadline for next month's newsletter is 25th May

Hand delivered items – please place your article in an envelope marked clearly 'WH Newsletter' and deliver to Janet Trotman, Tean, The Millham Tel: 833531 Alternatively, you can send items for inclusion to our email address: newsletter@westhendred.net

WEST HENDRED AND GINGE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

All hall enquiries/bookings should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net . Web Site: www.westhendred.net The Government requires that 'Community centres, youth centres and similar' , must close with the exception that 'Facilities may remain open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services.'

WEST HENDRED VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting

We would usually be announcing the date for the Village Hall's Annual General Meeting (AGM). The hall's constitution states that this is an open public meeting open to "All inhabitants of West Hendred and the neighbourhood of eighteen years of age and upwards shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting". The Charity Commission has provided guidance on the current situation, which is to provide an Annual Report to them, and run the AGM following the lifting of the current Government restrictions. Our AGM is bound to be a Public meeting, so we have to await the lifting of the current Government restrictions. Everyone is welcome at our AGM! We would love to see you there. We are actively looking for new committee members and advisors to help us shape the next stage in the life of what is a very vibrant and well-used village hall. We will arrange the AGM date, and publicise in the Newsletter following the lifting of the current restriction. If you'd like to discuss what's involved before the AGM, here are our contact details:

Hugh Rees (Chair) - hugh@citidata.co.uk

Nigel Findley (Treasurer) - nigel.findley@westhendred.net or 862912

Chantal Ligertwood (Secretary)

Tony Lewis - tonylewiswh@gmail.com

Rosemary Budge - rosemary.budge@westhendred.net

Dave Trotman - davetrot@aol.com

Sarah Lloyd - sarahlloyd@qi.com or 833373

WEST HENDRED VILLAGE HALL Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation We are in the process of the Village Hall becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This new type of Charity was introduced a few years ago, and is now the usual form of incorporation by new charities; this has become simplified recently for existing charities. The Hendreds Playgroup, when it formed a few years ago, was set up as a CIO. The Hendreds Sports club has recently changed to become a CIO. The major effect of becoming a CIO is that the trustees have limited personal liability, rather than currently having unlimited personal liability. Our Auditor is keen that we change to becoming a CIO. Jenni Dimbelow has brought her experience of forming a CIO with the Hendreds Playgroup to help us through this. We hope that by becoming a CIO, the limited liability on trustees will help encourage new trustees.

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Rescheduled Jazz in the Village
- QI quiz night with curry supper, courtesy of Manjit Kahlon and helpers, early November
- new beer festival date

JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE – POSTPONED Ian Millar (Saxophone) & Dominic Spencer (Piano) play high quality, sophisticated, melodic jazz, improvising on standards and original compositions.

We're looking to re-schedule later in the year

PUPPY SCHOOL from 21st May – LIKELY POSTPONED It now looks unlikely that this will be allowed or advisable. Outside classes aren't really suitable for young pups either. However there is help available and Puppy School Virtual is about to launch and can be booked through puppyschool.co.uk. I can also give help and advice remotely. Regards Deb Bennison For more information about Puppy School contact Deb at debennison@puppyschool.co.uk or log onto www.puppyschool.co.uk.

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE HALL WOULD USUALLY INCLUDE:

KONGA every Friday term time 9:30 – 10:30 am #5 per class! - POSTPONED

Konga classes will recommence once the government lifts the current lockdown'

For more information Contact Rachel Lock on 07801 824293.

Youth Club - sadly cancelled for the foreseeable future Please note Youth Club is sadly cancelled for the foreseeable future. Certainly March & April and we will reassess the situation in May according to government advice. The Youth Club meets usually on the third Friday at 7 pm. Please contact for more information, Penny Meston. **Adult helpers are urgently needed!** Anyone interested in helping to run the youth club should contact Penny. We need adult helpers to go on a Rota. If we get enough, it could mean only helping once or twice a year as it is a monthly Youth Group. Please contact Penny: 01235 832113.

Mother and Baby/Toddler Group Monday mornings' – POSTPONED

West Hendred Stitches - POSTPONED Please note that Hendred Stitches is postponed for the duration due to COVID-19 Further information from Jane Soffe 01235 832554

Pilates - Mondays 7 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 6 to 7 pm, and 7.15 to 8.15 pm on ZOOM Although Pilates classes have stopped at the hall, I am now teaching online through Zoom. It's £5 a session (payable in a block of 5 for £25). 24 hours notice of cancellation is required, otherwise it will be a charged late cancellation at the class price. I'm keeping numbers to a maximum of 13. I'm happy for new clients to try a taster session at £5 and then decide if they would like to sign up to a block. The classes are running at the usual times. If anyone is interested please contact me and I can provide more information. **Charlie PrincePrince Pilates** Please contact Charlie Prince on 07581 462 317, or charlie@princepilates.co.uk , or see Charlie's website for more information about classes etc. www.princepilates.co.uk

YOGA - classes are now available via Zoom. Sadly we are unable to meet at the hall at the moment but my classes are now available via Zoom. Currently the classes are: Thursdays 10 – 11am – Hatha Yoga
Tuesdays 10 – 11am – Gentle / chair yoga
Tuesdays (time tbc) – Teen Yoga with mindfulness. I am also hoping to run some extra classes at different times. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk

New students welcome! Linda

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